

Tenemos que ayudar a todos durante estos tiempos difíciles y asegurarnos que las comunidades más afectadas tengan acceso a la vacuna.

El Congreso debe aprobar este paquete legislativo inmediatamente. No hay tiempo que perder.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

COVID RELIEF

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, last year, every single COVID relief package passed with bipartisan support and bipartisan input. This is not happening today because the majority has chosen to abandon their calls for unity without even making an effort. Sadly, it is the American people who will bear the burden of this decision.

Components of this package were shoved through committees on strictly partisan lines. One of my amendments asking that we prohibit taxpayer dollars from going to people illegally in our country passed the Senate with broad bipartisan support, but was rejected without a single Democratic vote in our committee.

I know from experience that a hard-earned paycheck is infinitely more valuable than anything from the unemployment office. We need to put Americans back to work, make America tired again. That means we cannot incentivize workers to stay out of the workforce.

Let's not waste any more taxpayer dollars than we have to.

Getting our students back in the classrooms should be a top priority for everyone here. Not only does this bill not help return students to the classroom, most of the education funds are not even allocated until 2022.

There is a lot we can do together, but I fear a one-sided process will leave millions of Americans unaccounted for in this relief package.

COVID RELIEF

(Mrs. McBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the American Rescue Plan Act. This week, we hit another tragic milestone, and our Nation has now lost over half a million people to this virus. It is difficult to comprehend the sheer magnitude of those we have lost, but we cannot become numb to the sorrow so many now feel. Each person leaves behind their story of life, love, and humanity. Each human being leaves behind a family grieving the loss of a parent, a sibling, or a spouse.

This is why we must pass the American Rescue Plan, a bill that acceler-

ated our ability to deliver lifesaving vaccines and put an end to this pandemic, a bill that invests in our schools allowing our children and teachers to safely return to in-person learning, and a bill that provides vital economic relief to American families who need our support.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to vote "yes."

COVID RELIEF

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. I am disappointed to say that my Democrat colleagues refuse to negotiate on legislation to provide targeted, temporary COVID-19 relief to the American people.

Let's be clear. Only 9 percent of this \$1.9 trillion package being advanced goes toward pandemic-related expenses, and it is riddled with partisan priorities unrelated to the pandemic, including a \$15 minimum wage requirement that will destroy 1.4 million starting jobs; \$350 billion in blue State bailouts while leaving behind States like Georgia; funding for a Silicon Valley underground tunnel; and much more.

Throughout this whole process, my Democrat colleagues have rejected prioritizing reopening our schools, despite the CDC stating that schools can safely reopen with proper precautions. Some of our students haven't seen the inside of a classroom in a year. But partisan priorities are apparently more important.

Let's not forget that nearly \$1 trillion remains unspent from previous relief packages. So let's stop calling it COVID relief when this package is clearly just a payout to Progressive priorities.

It is time to end this nonsense because the American people are no longer fooled.

COVID RELIEF

(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in strong support of the American Rescue Plan Act, bold and desperately needed legislation to crush the COVID-19 pandemic and bolster our economic recovery.

As our Nation mourns over 500,000 Americans who have lost their lives due to this terrible virus, we must act decisively and with great purpose to support our families and communities that are struggling. The American Rescue Plan delivers on this need, providing \$1,400 relief checks to Americans who are hurting financially.

For the nearly 16 million Americans who have lost their jobs during the pandemic, this bill extends critical unemployment benefits so they can get back on their feet.

For our children and families who have been practicing distance learning, this bill provides over \$125 billion to safely reopen our schools and protect our teachers and students.

For businesses who have been hit hard, this bill includes increased funding for economic injury disaster loans.

For the one in seven Americans who are struggling with food insecurity, this bill increases monthly SNAP benefits so they do not go hungry. And for the good of the country, this bill ramps up funding for the manufacture and distribution of the vaccine.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PARTISAN PRIORITIES

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, since the start of the pandemic, the Federal Government has taken historic steps to provide nearly \$4 trillion in financial and public health assistance to the American people with one goal in mind: defeating the virus and getting our country back to normal.

Unfortunately, President Biden and Washington Democrats' latest \$1.9 trillion stimulus package focuses more on fulfilling partisan priorities than combating COVID-19. Only 9 percent of their legislation goes to public health spending, while the other 91 percent can be tied to political items unrelated to the pandemic.

How can any Member of Congress who calls this legislation COVID relief look their constituents in the eye and justify billions in wasteful spending to foreign governments, bailouts, and liberal pet projects?

Rather than borrowing trillions of dollars to spend on liberal wish list items while more than \$1 trillion in previously allocated COVID relief dollars remain unspent, Congress should work on a bill that provides temporary and targeted relief tied to COVID-19.

Mr. Speaker, the latest stimulus package fails on each account, and for that reason, we should all be voting "no" on this measure.

COVID RELIEF

(Mr. CROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the American Rescue Plan. We cannot grow numb to the pain and devastation the COVID pandemic brought this past year.

Mr. Speaker, 500,000 Americans are dead. Millions have lost their jobs and can't find meaningful employment. Children, including my own, have had to adapt to online learning. Millions of small businesses are struggling to keep the lights on.

Folks in Colorado want to get this done. In fact, over 70 percent of Americans want to get this done, and there

are very few things more bipartisan than that. They want it fixed, and they want it fixed now.

This bill is the first step to building back better. It will support vaccine distribution and research and provide relief to small businesses, schools, and Coloradans who are out of work. So let's get this done.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the American Rescue Plan.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise before you today in honor of National FFA Week.

As an eighth-generation farmer and former member of the Future Farmers of America myself, I have seen firsthand the positive difference that FFA makes in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success throughout agricultural education.

FFA members know that American agriculture truly is one of the best traditions of our national life and that service to one's community is a pillar of good leadership and citizenship.

I am confident that the future of our Nation's agriculture is in good hands because it is being shaped by members of the National FFA Organization.

I wish a happy FFA Week to the 28,000 members in my home State of Tennessee and to the 760,000 members across the country.

COVID RELIEF

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the expanded Child Tax Credit and Federal unemployment assistance included in the American Rescue Plan.

In my State of Nevada and across the country, hardworking families are suffering. The United States has lost more than 10 million jobs since the beginning of this pandemic, with a particularly devastating effect on women and people of color. Americans need help, and they are counting on the Members of this body to deliver.

Interestingly, my colleagues on the other side say this bill does not have bipartisan support.

Whom are they listening to?

Seventy-six percent of Americans support this bill, including 60 percent of Republicans. So I would urge my colleagues on the other side to actually listen to their constituents and to deliver on their behalf.

In just a 2-week period, more than 8 million American children go hungry because their families can't afford enough to eat. That should not happen

in the wealthiest country on Earth. By passing an expanded Child Tax Credit, we can bring millions of children above the poverty line and put money in their parents' pockets.

By passing my legislation to increase and expand Federal unemployment insurance, we will provide critical relief to those who have lost their jobs in this pandemic.

So while we are working to recover and rebuild, we must invest in the American people. Stop the lies and listen to your constituents.

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PPP FLEXIBILITY FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS

(Mr. HAGEDORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, the CARES Act allowed farmers and ranchers to apply for the Paycheck Protection Program by utilizing only net income in their loan calculations. This has prevented many agricultural partnerships from receiving the maximum loan amount possible.

My bipartisan bill that I have introduced today, the PPP Flexibility for Farmers and Ranchers Act, allows the use of gross income to calculate the loan and includes a retroactive provision to enable farm partnerships that initially used net income to recalculate unforgiven PPP loans.

Ag producers throughout the Nation have suffered greatly from historic drops in demand during the pandemic. As we push to reopen our economy, we must ensure that our farmers and ranchers have access to the resources needed to maintain operations through the end of the pandemic.

I am grateful to my colleagues and an array of national agricultural groups who join me in this common-sense effort to boost our farmers, ranchers, and agricultural economy.

I encourage Members to cosponsor my bill.

COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 803) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Each further amendment printed in part B of House Report 117-6 not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 147, shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and

controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting further amendments printed in part B of House Report 117-6, not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to House Resolution 147, I offer amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 1 consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 28, printed in part B of House Report 117-6, offered by Mr. NEGUSE of Colorado:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. BARRAGÁN OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE IX—OUTDOORS FOR ALL ACT

SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Outdoors for All Act".

SEC. 902. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "eligible entity" means—

(i) a State;

(ii) a political subdivision of a State, including—

(I) a city; and

(II) a county;

(iii) a special purpose district, including park districts; and

(iv) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

(B) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INDIAN TRIBES.—A political subdivision of a State or an Indian tribe shall be considered an eligible entity only if the political subdivision or Indian tribe represents or otherwise serves a qualifying urban area.

(2) OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.—The term "Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Program" means the program established under section 903(a).

(3) QUALIFYING URBAN AREA.—The term "qualifying urban area" means an area identified by the Census Bureau as an "urban area" in the most recent census.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 903. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an outdoor recreation legacy partnership grant program under which the Secretary may award grants to eligible entities for projects—

(1) to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes; and

(2) to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities.